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Applicant : Racunas, Jr.
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Title : INTERNET COMMUNICATION OF PARKING LOT OCCUPANCY
INFORMATION

Art Unit : 2632
Examiner : Pope, D.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 21, 2001.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the following remarks.

Personal Interview

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Pope for conducting a personal interview on January 8, 2002. The substance of the interview is reflected below.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicant requests initialed PTO-1449 forms indicating that the references submitted with the six (6) previously filed Information Disclosure Statements have been considered.

Proposed Drawing Change

Applicant requests approval of the previously filed proposed drawing change.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Manion Rejection

The Examiner broadly rejected claims 21-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,037,880 to Manion. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Manion is directed to an integrated parking meter system in which each parking meter is equipped with a sonar range finder that checks for the presence of a vehicle, a mercury type